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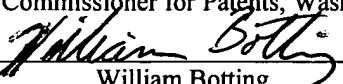
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b)(3).

Under 35 U.S.C. § 120, this application has the benefit of the earlier filing date of the parent application, Serial No. 09/165,375 filed October 2, 1998. Copies of references identified in the form PTO-1449 as AA-LF were submitted to the Office in the parent application and therefore, only document LG is provided with this submission.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. Nor does it constitute an admission that each of all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the listed documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

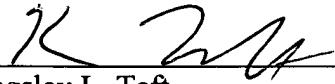
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits; therefore, no fees are believed to be due.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

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